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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated April 2, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as shown in the marked-up copy following this amendment. A clean copy as amended appears below.

Page 2, beginning at line 23, please amend the paragraph to read as follows:

a1  
In hydraulic machines having rotors, the casings containing rotors must have strictly circular cross sections especially at the inner peripheries. However, in the turbines and compressors, since the temperature of the fluid passing through the casings is high, the temperature of the respective portions of the casings becomes high. If the temperature of the